

REMARKS

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated July 19, 2010, claims 1-4, 11-14 and 21-24 have been canceled, and claims 5-6, 15-16, and 25-26 have been amended. Claims 5-10, 15-20 and 25-30 remain in the application. Entry of these amendments is requested.

In the Decision, the rejections of claims 5, 9, 10, 15, 19, 20, 25, 29 and 30 were reversed, although the rejections of claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27 and 28 were sustained.

In response, Applicants' attorney has amended claims 5, 15 and 25, such that they are now independent claims that incorporate the base claim and any intervening claims, thereby rendering these claims allowable. Further, Applicants' attorney has also amended claims 6, 16 and 26, such that they are now independent claims that incorporate the base claim and any intervening claims. As such, all of claims 5-10, 15-20 and 25-30 are now allowable, for the reasons set forth below.

In the appeal, claims 1, 3-4, 11, 13-14, 21, and 23-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Publication No. 2003/0088558 (Zaharioudakis) and claims 5-10, 15-20, and 25-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zaharioudakis in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,496,819 (Bello).

Zaharioudakis, which is owned by IBM Corporation, the assignee of this application, was filed after this application, and is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of Application Serial No. 09/502,821, which was filed before this application, and which is also owned by IBM Corporation.

Consequently, by submission of a Statement of Common Ownership herewith, Applicants' attorney asserts that 6-10, 16-20 and 26-30 are now allowable, because the Statement of Common Ownership overcomes the rejections of these claims that were sustained on appeal, and because claims 6, 16 and 26 have been rewritten in independent form. Applicants' attorney requests that such Statement be entered without the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Also, please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account
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Respectfully submitted,

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